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1. BRASILIAN MISCONCEPTIONS OF PURPOSE AND IMPLICATIONS OF NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 AS DESCRIBED REFTEL ARE SHARED BY WIDE RANGE OF FRG PRESS AND PUBLIC. THUS RECENT EDITORIAL IN PRO-CDU FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE STATES THAT:

... CARTER STICKS TO HIS GUNS REGARDING URANIUM DELIVERIES FOR EUROPE. FORMER PROMISES NOTWITHSTANDING, HE IS TRYING TO PRESSURE THE NUCLEAR PARTNERS OF THE U.S., AND, WITH THE HELP OF THE NEW U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION ACT, WRECKS THE GERMAN PROMISE TO SUPPLY BRAZIL WITH A FULL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE... THIS CHALLENGES THE CONTRACTUAL FIDELITY OF THE FRG, WHICH CANNOT LET CARTER'S RIGOR INVALIDATE ITS SIGNATURE. EVEN IF THREATENED WITH SUSPENSION OF URANIUM SUPPLIES, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC CANNOT YIELD...

LEFT OF CENTER FRANKFURTER BUNDSCHAU WRITES:

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PRESIDENT CARTER'S RUDE WAY OF PROCEEDING ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION APPARENTLY HAS PROMPTED GREAT AMAZEMENT ON THE RHINE. OVER MANY MONTHS BONN CHERISHED HOPE THAT THE U.S. HAS SWALLOWED THE FRG'S CONTROVERSIAL TRANSACTION WITH BRAZIL. LAST WEEKEND IT WAS CONFRONTED WITH REALITY. FOR CARTER

WILL TAMPER ALSO WITH THIS CONTRACT OF LONG STANDING.  
HIS RUDENESS MIGHT BE TRACEABLE TO DOMESTIC  
REASONS. RECENT POPULARITY TESTS HAVE BEEN SO  
UNFAVORABLE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS TRYING TO MAKE  
PREVAIL HIS IDEAS WITH THE GERMAN ALLY -- IDEAS WHICH,  
AS SUCH MIGHT BE UNDERSTANDABLE. HIS WAY OF DOING SO  
COMES CLOSE TO BLACKMAIL. THIS DOES NOT CREATE A  
FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND MAKES REQUIRED AGREEMENT ON  
KEY QUESTIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

PRO-SPD NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG'S JENS FEDDERSEN WRITES  
THAT: WASHINGTON INVENTS TRICKS FOR WRECKING THE  
GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR TRANSACTION.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRG GOVERNMENT AND NUCLEAR  
INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ARE, OF COURSE, MUCH BETTER INFORMED  
ABOUT ACT. AFTER SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY  
OFFICIALS, THEY BETTER UNDERSTAND ITS OBJECTIVES AND  
IMPLICATIONS, AND, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE IN GENERAL NOT IN  
AGREEMENT WITH OUR POLICY, THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO GET ON  
WITH THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE THE  
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO AGREE TO RENEgotIATION OF OUR  
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

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